

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: December 10, 2018

Agenda Item: Addition to Ennis Fishing Access Site (R3)

Division: Fisheries

Action Needed: Endorsement

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 - Minutes

Background:

The 70-acre Ennis FAS was initially purchased and subsequently developed as a fishing access site in the late 1950s. Small additions were acquired to secure access in 1966 and again in 1999, making a total of almost 77 acres. The access road was aligned along the northern most boundary of the property before reaching the river where it turned south following the river bank. FWP was recently informed by the adjacent landowner to the north that a portion of the access road and a FWP vault latrine are located on his property. Upon verification of the road location and latrine in relation to the property boundary by a licensed surveyor, FWP is proposing to acquire the land at fair market value. The landowner's asking price is \$18,000 for approximately 7 to 8 acres. The other option is to move and reclaim a section of the access road and relocate the latrine. A rough estimate for this alternative is approximately two-thirds the cost of purchasing the property. It's also no guarantee that the latrine could be successfully relocated without damaging it. Because the cost of a new vault latrine is approximately \$15,000 delivered to the site, FWP feels that the best option for resolving this is to acquire the additional 7 to 8 acres of land. Doing so will also resolve a trespass issue FWP wasn't aware of up until this point since the 7 to 8 acres of private land includes additional river frontage on both sides of the bridge that has historically been used by the public.

Public Involvement Process & Results:

There has been no public involvement up to this point. If endorsed by the commission, FWP will initiate its due diligence process that includes public notification and a 30-day public-comment period to the environmental assessment.

Alternatives and Analysis:

All alternatives will be evaluated in the EA.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale:

FWP recommends that the commission endorse the department's request to pursue negotiations with the landowner to resolve FWP's road and FAS development trespass on private land.

Proposed Motion:

I move that the commission authorize the department to pursue negotiations with the landowner for the acquisition of 7 to 8 acres of land adjacent to the Ennis FAS.